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# CHURCHILL FORMS NEW WAR CABINET

## The Destructiveness of Toryism-as-Usual

AN EDITORIAL

THE defeat by the House Ways and Means Committee of President Roosevelt's request for a \$300,000,000 conversion unemployment appropriation shows that the danger to our war effort does not come from enemy bombers and submarines alone.

The blocking of a modest proposal made by the President of the United States and the Presidents of the CIO and AFL should itself be enough to arouse a storm of protest from one end of the country to the other.

But there is still more at stake here. This move represents a new effort by various forces—manipulated by the appeasers—to oppose everything necessary to win the war.

The attack on the \$300,000,000 appropriation is part of a drive to divide the country and to break up national unity.

As such it cannot go unchallenged.

The President's bill would provide that workers temporarily laid off while the conversion of industries to war production is being completed, should receive up to \$24 a week in unemployment benefits. This is not only fully justified on humanitarian grounds.

It is primarily a measure of wartime necessity. Its main purpose is to keep skilled workers from moving from the locality where they will be so urgently needed the minute factories are ready to turn out planes, tanks and guns.

An appropriation to keep such workers in physical fitness and close to the localities where they will be needed, is just as vital as appropriations for planes and tanks themselves.

The arguments raised against the appropriation have been preposterous. The chief one is that it will infringe upon the State Unemployment Compensation setup and is therefore an attack

upon "states' rights"! Such reasoning would be laughable if it were not so sinister—and actually reveals an attempt upon the part of various politicians to build up local machines to be used against the war effort.

It is a shame that the country sat by and permitted a combination of Toryism-as-usual and appeasers to get away with their recent assault upon a rounded out program of civilian defense. It was that easy victory that encouraged these forces to move ahead and attack the unemployment compensation bill.

Let the country—and labor especially—bestir itself! Insist that Congress bring the unemployment compensation bill to the floor and pass it.

Toryism-as-usual and appeasement tactics have no place in the Capitol of a nation fighting for its very existence.

## Cripps Lord Privy Seal, Attlee in New Post

Attlee Is Deputy Prime Minister, Kingsley Wood Out of War Cabinet

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 20 (UP).—Prime Minister Churchill formed a new seven-man war cabinet today, including Sir Stafford Cripps, former ambassador to the Soviet Union, and eliminating Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Production; Sir Howard Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio.

Beaverbrook declined a place on the new cabinet because of illness, and he will go to the United States to collaborate in pooling war resources, it was announced.

Cripps becomes Lord Privy Seal and leader of Commons, with Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of State, exercising general supervision of production.

Churchill remains Minister of Defense.

Clement R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, takes over the post of Dominions Secretary, in place of Viscount Cranborne, and also acts as Deputy Prime Minister.

Although Kingsley Wood and Greenwood vanish from the war cabinet, they retain their cabinet posts, and the cabinet remains otherwise unchanged.

It is intended that Cripps largely take over the job of government spokesman in Commons, although Churchill unquestionably will appear frequently and speak on important occasions.

[Cripps, upon return from Moscow demanded the closest alliance with the Soviet Union and speedy and fullest military aid to England's ally.]

The announcement given out at the Prime Minister's residence said: "The King has been pleased to approve the following appointments: 'Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury, Minister of Defense, the Right Honorable Winston Churchill; 'Secretary of State for Dominions Affairs, Attlee; 'Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, Cripps; 'Lord President of the Council, Sir John Anderson; 'Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Anthony Eden; 'Minister of State, Lyttelton; 'Minister of Labor and National Service, Ernest Bevin. 'Attlee will also act as Deputy Prime Minister.

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# U. S. SUB SINKS JAPANESE CARGO SHIP

## Cliveden Set Imperils U. S., Sens. Pepper, Murray Warn

Hewes, Member of Washington Cabal, Was in Lady Astor's Munich Clique in Great Britain

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Two leading members of the Senate told the Daily Worker today that the President's caustic attack on the Cliveden Set of Washington at his Tuesday press conference was a timely warning to the American people against the activities of the appeasement crowd.

Sens. Claude Pepper, Florida Democrat, and James E. Murray, Montana Democrat,

## Hill Says Fish Introduced Him to Viereck

Sens. Reynolds, Nye Named at Trial of Nazi Agent

By Eva Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—George Hill, secretary to Rep. Hamilton Fish, revealed today that the New York Congressman introduced him to the Nazi agent, George Sylvester Viereck, in July, 1940.

Hill is now serving a jail term of from two to six years for perjury before the Federal Grand Jury for flatly denying that he knew Viereck or distributed pro-Nazi propaganda for him.

It is now obvious that Hill was shielding Rep. Fish all along when he refused to admit he was acquainted with Viereck and that he had had dealings with him.

Hill appeared today as a surprise witness for the government in the trial of Viereck who is charged with failing to disclose his full activities when he registered with the State Department as a German agent.

FISH TO APPEAR

Rep. Fish stated today that he had consented to appear before the court tomorrow, in accordance with the government's request, if it does not interfere with his congressional duties.

Earlier in the week, government prosecutor William P. Maloney, branded Hill as a "poor dupe" who was only carrying out the orders of Rep. Fish when he mailed out 125,000 copies of a speech written by Viereck, "Six Men and War."

Hill told the jury Fish introduced him to Viereck in the Congressman's office on Capitol Hill and that "Mr. Fish said that Viereck had some speeches of Senator Landon that he would like to send out."

"Mr. Fish said to send the speeches to those on his mailing list from the National Committee to Keep America Out of Foreign Wars," the witness declared.

Fish then walked out of the office leaving him alone with Viereck, the convicted secretary told the jury, and Viereck expressed amazement that there were 100,000 names on the mailing list.

Viereck asked Hill to give him a

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## Spies Kept Berlin Posted On Normandie

Sent Information About Troops, Ship Moves Trial Here Bares

By Eric Bert

The Normandie was one of the important ships about which the Axis was kept posted, testimony at the trial of seven Nazi spies revealed today in Federal Judge Henry Goddard's court.

"At pier 88 north is still Normandie," wrote spy chief Kurt Frederick Ludwig to his superiors in Germany in secret ink on April 18, 1941.

The reason for gathering information about the Normandie and other ships in the port of New York became clear in a letter written by Ludwig a week later.

On April 22 Ludwig announced with "many thanks" that the steamship Vie de Liege had been sunk.

In all 14 spy reports were introduced into evidence today through the cooperation of the British censorship office in Bermuda, some of whose officials are now here.

Among those who took the stand today were Leslie R. S. Poole, an examiner in the Bermuda office.

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## Enemy Breaches British Line in Burma

U. S. UNITS IN JAVA; BATAAN BATTERED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19

(UP).—American arms registered two heartening victories in the Pacific, war theater today, but in the beleaguered Philippines the Japanese were gathering behind a curtain of artillery fire and dive bombers for a mighty lunge designed to crush the last American Filipino resistance.

A United States submarine operating in the East China Sea sank a 5,000-ton cargo ship, a Navy communiqué reported, while over the Java base of Surabaya, reinforced but still outnumbered American fighting planes dove into the midst of 25 Japanese bombers and two fighters, shooting down six.

This was the first report of U.S. submarine activity in the Far East since Jan. 26, when a communiqué said an American undersea craft had torpedoed an enemy aircraft carrier, which was believed sunk.

Army communiqué No. 115, based on reports received from the Pacific war theatre up to 4 P.M. EWT, said that 16 American Army P-40 pursuit planes intercepted the Japanese, when they flew over the base in four successive waves.

LOSE ONE PLANE

The Americans lost one plane, whose pilot parachuted to safety, but they downed five enemy bombers and a fighter.

It was the largest single group of American Army planes yet reported in action over the Indies and was taken as proof that American reinforcements are arriving and beginning to make themselves felt.

The Surabaya base is the most important left in the hands of the United Nations since the fall of Singapore.

Despite the communiqué's bit of heartening news, however, there was no aid for the Philippines where Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his American-Filipino fighters were under an increasing rain of fire from every instrument in the Japanese war kit, including flame throwers.

The flame throwers were mentioned by MacArthur in describing a "relatively minor" local action.

"Our troops captured three pieces of enemy artillery, several flame throwers and a quantity of ordnance and signal supplies," War Department communiqué No. 114 said, quoting from MacArthur's report.

Meanwhile, the Japanese continued to hurl tons of flaming steel into MacArthur's lines from the reinforced artillery positions on the peninsula, and against the Manila Bay forts from concealed positions on the Cavite shore, concentrating on Port Frank.

MacArthur described the bombardment as "without a great amount of damage."

BATAVIA, Feb. 19 (UP).—United States troops have landed to help defend Java, more are expected to

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## Soviets Widen Breach in Nazi Lines at Leningrad

Continue Pressure At Kalinin and Kharkov Fronts

By Janet Weaver

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—Superiority in trench mortars was one of the technical advantages enjoyed by the Germans at the beginning of the war. During the recent period, as Red Star states in its leading editorial today, the Red Army received new types of trench mortars which are more portable and effective.

Not only is the Red Army insured a sufficient quantity of trench mortars for current operations but reserves have even been formed.

Every step is being taken to guarantee that in the immediate future, German superiority in trench mortars will be reduced to naught.

Red Star carries a dispatch from the Leningrad front which says the Soviet troops are hourly increasing the pressure on the Germans there to release the heroic city from the German blockade.

At the cost of heavy losses the Germans are making attempts to stem the advance of the Red Army but have been unsuccessful.

Majority Whip Patrick Boland suggested that the damage caused by the Ways and Means Committee might be undone by adding a \$300,000,000 fund for unemployed industrial workers to WPA appropriations, and this may be one of the proposals discussed with the President tomorrow.

Labor members of the Victory Board were understood to have drafted a memorandum this afternoon incorporating their proposals on a number of current issues including labor demands for higher wages, labor representation of war production bodies, mobilization of labor supply for the war effort and priorities' unemployment. This memorandum will be presented to the President.

Both CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green were present at the joint meeting at AFL headquarters as were the other members of the Victory Board.

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## CIO-AFL Press Fight For War Jobless Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—CIO and AFL members of Labor's Victory Board are expected to ask the President tomorrow to continue the fight for passage of the \$300,000,000 administration measure to increase unemployment compensation payments of workers displaced by priorities and conversion to war production.

This measure was rejected by a 16 to 8 vote of the House Ways and Means Committee as Tory Southern Democrats and Republicans teamed up against the relief measure for unemployed workers, which may be created in industrial areas by the crisis. The committee's action was one of the problems discussed this afternoon by the CIO and AFL leaders in a meeting this afternoon preparatory to tomorrow's conference with the President.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson warned the nation today that it must expect sporadic attacks on our coast, but he declared the High Command is making every effort to gain the offensive in crushing the Axis.

Stimson told a press conference that about the only way to win the war is to "take a vigorous offensive against the enemy." He said that the surest way to lose it would be to yield to pressure by local groups for protection that would divide the might of our striking forces.

"All I have to say is that the possibility and probability of such an attack had been foreseen," he said. "By arrangements with the Dutch Government we placed on the island a force for its defense."

"We've got to be prepared in this war to take sporadic attacks along our coasts," Stimson said. "The only way to combat that is to mass our forces to carry the fight to the enemy."

Stimson said that the nation was confronted with a situation in which we cannot "buy our way out or produce our way out." The only way left is to "fight our way out by intelligent offensive action."

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## Coughlinite Disruption Seen in Attack On OCD in Queens; People Resent It

By Art Shields

Christian Front sabotage of the war effort was seen yesterday in the petition circulated among Queens air raid wardens this week demanding the removal of Mayor LaGuardia as Director of the Office of Civilian Defense.

The petition, allegedly signed by 322 Queens air raid wardens, bore the name of no sponsoring organization and no union label to identify the printers.

It was enthusiastically supported by the World-Telegram, which first made it public.

The disruptive petition, it was pointed out yesterday, came hardy one month after Father Cough-

lin's "Social Justice" ordered his followers to "Join up with the office of Civilian Defense" for the purpose of gaining control.

FIRE DISRUPTER

Yesterday the Office of Civilian Defense suspended Walter Sandt, a zone warden and liquor salesman of 100-08 197th St., Howard Beach, Queens, one of the leaders in the petition drive, and Police Commissioner Valentine issued a scolding statement against saboteurs in the OCD.

"No one," said Commissioner Valentine, "can be permitted to sabotage a huge organization."

"The petition," said the Police Commissioner, "... is a vicious attempt to create dissension, to break morale, and to undermine constituted authority."

"The Police Department will not permit within the ranks of the air raid wardens, anyone who disseminates or subscribes to attacks calculated to destroy discipline, cause dissension and impair morale."

The Commissioner added: "We are at war. This is not a pinochle club. In the public interest there must be discipline in the air raid warden service, even though it is a voluntary organization."

At the same time Colonel Walter

## Bulletin Tanker Sunk Off Aruba

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Feb. 19 (UP).—United States Army officials disclosed today that enemy submarines are entering the Caribbean theater in increasing numbers, from British Guiana to Curaçao and Aruba, and said that "extraordinary" counter measures are being taken.

A Panama-registered tanker was torpedoed off Aruba in the Dutch West Indies today in a renewal of attacks which have sunk or damaged nine tankers in that area since early Monday.

The sinkings have resulted in an estimated loss of more than 50 lives and perhaps 200,000 gallons of oil vital to the United Nations' war effort.

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# World Is Waiting for German People to Act

'Appeal of the 60'  
Shows Way to  
Save Nation

## OVERTHROW HITLER

By Hans Berger

Every American—and particularly every German-American and every exile from Germany—should pay closest heed to a document which has just come from the Soviet Union. We refer to the appeal by 60 German anti-Nazis in the Soviet Union to the German people. This appeal was broadcast over the Soviet radio and was spread in leaflets among the German masses.

In this document, printed in the Daily Worker recently, we find the answer to the question: "How should we talk to the German people?"

This appeal has a different character from the propaganda which the so-called "radio specialists" who have fled here from the broadcasting studios of the Daladier Government are putting out—or would like to.

It speaks, on the contrary, the language of the most progressive forces in Germany. It speaks for those who feel deeply their great responsibility before all mankind for the destiny of Germany.

### BOND WITH HOMELAND

Although these anti-fascists are in the Soviet Union, where they are helping to wage the battle against Nazism, they have maintained intact their deep bond with their German homeland, with the great cultural traditions of Germany, with the great traditions of heroism which the German working class has never lost.

Though they use the same language as the Nazi defilers of Germany, their words convey an honesty and depth of emotion which the Nazi propagandists are incapable of. And these words answer the key question which millions of German are asking with ever-greater fear: "What is going to happen to Germany? Do we have to go along with Hitler to the very end? Do we have to fight for him, in spite of everything, in spite of blood and filth and murder and banditry, in order to save Germany from complete annihilation?"

Nor is it only in Germany that this question is being asked. It is also being asked by many of German descent in the United States and Latin America. And, thanks to failure to answer it, they all too often become victims of Nazi propaganda.

This manifesto, issued in the midst of this frightful war from within the Soviet Union, closes with the slogan "Down with the Nazi regime! Long live Germany!" It does not give the following answer to the German people: "Whatever you do, even if you go along with Hitler to the very last act, even if you permit all the atrocities of Hitler, Germany will come through all right in the end."

Such a reply, conducive to passive awaiting of events, would play into the hands of the Hitler regime. It would be utterly truthless—and all honest propaganda must be truthful regarding the monstrous peril into which the Hitler regime has brought the German nation.

### PEOPLE MUST ACT

Say that the German people were not to find within themselves sufficient determination to establish the forces for a successful and effective attack upon the Hitler regime within Germany. Say that the German people were not to give active assistance, by means of their own struggle, to the destruction of the Hitler regime. Then after Hitler's inevitable defeat there would not be a single people in the world which would have confidence that Germany had developed truly new forces representing a guarantee against the rise of a new Hitlerism.

Only fools, only adventurers like Otto Strasser, only unteachable bankrupts like Albert Grzesinski, can hold the illusion that the peoples will place their confidence in old adventurers and bankrupts. A nation which permits itself to be misled by bringing frightful catastrophes upon the world, a people like the German people under the Hitler regime, must prove by its own deeds, by actively helping in the destruction of the world plague, that it has the right to join the community of free nations as a free people.

### WORLD IS WAITING

This is what the Appeal of the Sixty has to say: "The nations have passed an irrevocable death sentence on Hitler, a sentence of death on the Nazi regime, but they have not yet passed their verdict on Germany. The whole world is waiting to hear the voice of the German people; waiting for the people to show that they are against Hitler."

No matter what the cost, the death sentence on Hitler and the Hitler regime will be executed without fail. But the German people can be saved, they can win again the confidence of the peoples who are defeating Hitler. How? By themselves helping to destroy Hitler and the Hitler regime, by not losing courage before the vast difficulties of the struggle against

## Prisoners Meet in Soviet Union



## German Exiles Back Plea by 60 Anti-Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Leading German intellectuals residing here have joined in the denunciation of the brutalities perpetrated by Hitler in the occupied Soviet areas, it became known today.

These German intellectuals expressed their stand by endorsing the recent appeal of sixty prominent German political leaders, trade union officials and writers against the Nazi barbarities. The new endorsers are Professor Alfred Meisel, composer; John Heartfield, widely known photographer; Professor Oskar Koschka, president of the Free German League of Culture in England; Dr. Jurgen Kuschinsky, well-known statistician and economist; and Jan Petersen, the Hamburg artist.

The Hitler regime, by inflicting heavier and heavier blows upon the Hitler regime and the Hitler war, despite the frightful terror and the Nazi dogma.

The Appeal of the Sixty does not, like Emil Ludwig, use quotations and historical episodes in order to label the Germans "an incorrigible race," in imitation of the Nazi racist nonsense. The Appeal of the Sixty calls upon the German people to be confident that they can work together with other peoples to enforce the death sentence on Hitler and his regime, for the sake of Germany and of all humanity.

The masses of German-Americans in the United States hold the fate of their old homeland close to heart. Then, since Germany's future salvation depends so much on the destruction of the Hitler regime, is this not the time for the people of America to extend a helping hand to the people of Germany, by means of just such a serious and effective propaganda—with the sole condition that the German people help to get rid of Hitler and of Hitler's entire rule?

Such propaganda does not depend on the petty tricks which professional propagandists use for every possible contingency. Such propaganda by every country, combined with tanks and planes, would become a power, an active ally, as soon as it took form hold among the German people, groaning and suffering under the burden of the war.

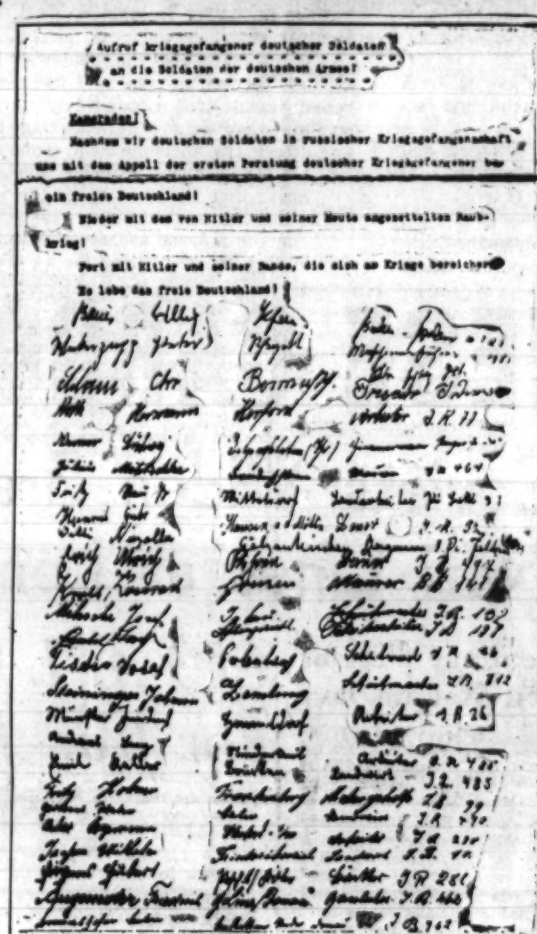
### RECENT EVENTS

During the past few days there have been a number of news stories showing that the German people are beginning to stir. Compared to what must take place, they are "little things," but they testify clearly and firmly to the direction of developments and transformations occurring among the Germans.

Sixty-one prisoners of war, officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, captured by the Red Army, signed an appeal to the Red Cross testifying to the atrocities of the Nazi armies against the Red soldiers and the civil population.

Hans Mueller, a prisoner of war, spoke to the German soldiers over a loud speaker from the Red Army's front lines, and called on them to turn their guns the other way. Things have not advanced as far as in 1918, when thousands of German soldiers stayed behind during the retreat of the Reichswehr from the Ukraine, in order to fight alongside the Red soldiers. But 61 German prisoners of war appealing to the Red Cross, the soldier Hans Mueller calling to the German trenches, belong to the Germans whose personal activity furnishes the example of how the Germans must act in order to save Germany.

A news agency reported the following scene which happened in Germany: A very well dressed woman spoke out in a street car, "For all I care this war can go on forever." A soldier on the car thereupon slapped the lady for her enthusiasm for war, and the other passengers applauded. One of the



## German War Prisoners Meet: Photo at top shows Moscow conference of German prisoners at which a call for the overthrow of the Hitler regime was drawn up. Below is a photograph of part of the manifesto of the prisoners, in German, which was radioed here. It concludes with the words "Es Lebe Das Freie Deutschland!"—"Long Live Free Germany!"

passengers rewarded the soldier with 10 marks. The poor lady merely repeated what Hitler said, in cloudy phrases, in his speech. For repeating what the soldier's supreme commander, Hitler, said, the lady won a slapping.

### BATTALION MUTINIES

The Soviet Information Bureau, on Feb. 7, 1942, reported the following incident: "Soldiers from a German battalion quartered in the Polish town of Sedlitz, on receiving an order to depart for the Russian front, refused to leave the barracks and arrested their officers. The barracks was besieged by storm detachments and every fifth soldier was shot on the spot and the rest were thrown into prison."

The following is from a letter written from South Germany: "Anxiety in the population over the large number of casualties began as early as August and September in Konstanz-am-Bodensee, in Lorrach, Freiburg and other South German cities. Rumors of 'We want peace!' were heard. The 'whisper propaganda' spread word that the Prussians were in Paris and other safe places, but not where the real war was being fought. The antagonism between Prussians and South Germans grows deeper from week to week. In the Opel-Russheim auto plant a two-hour strike took place in September. The Gestapo made arrests. In November soldiers brought spotted typhus into Bavaria, arousing considerable murmuring among the people. There have already been many cases of active sabotage by German workers."

Such "little things" as these show in clearer outline what Goebbels meant in his last article in the weekly Das Reich, quoted in the New York Times of Feb. 7, 1942. "Yes," wrote Goebbels, "the Germans are overworked and therefore at times a bit excitable." Only "a bit excitable." A few weeks before this article appeared Goebbels wrote another article showing that he was very much worried by what is happening

among the German people. He wrote, "Our German unity is only of recent date. We are still bearing the scars from the divisions of the old party politics. Carefully and jealously we have to watch that they do not reopen even in a single place." And in his last speech Hitler argued threateningly with the "unknown enemy" among the German people. "Nobody," he said, "must expect to live who tries to depreciate the sacrifices made at the front. No matter under what camouflage he tries to disturb the German front, or to undermine the resistance of our people, or to weaken the authority of the regime, or to sabotage the achievements on the home front, he shall die for it."

## Chinese Put Thai Army To Flight In Offensive

Push Drive to Ease Japanese Pressure on Burma Front

CHUNGKING, Feb. 19 (UP).—Chinese forces, striking from North Burma near Rangoon, were reported officially today to be chasing a "collapsed" Thai army in retreat toward Chiangmai, key base of Northeastern Thailand, 80 miles from the Burmese border.

A Kuning dispatch to the Catholic newspaper Yishin Pa said Thai forces were put to flight in a heavy battle in Northern Burma and the victorious Chinese were pursuing them and pushing into Thailand.

A military spokesman, confirming that the Chinese troops now were engaging the forces of Japanese-occupied Thailand, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Burmese detachment was "moving into Thailand step by step in order to bring Allied cooperation into effect."

At the same time an official announcement said that Chiang had found a "satisfactory solution" to the problem of transporting Allied supplies from Indian ports directly to China—a paramount matter now that the Japanese are menacing the nation's backdoor lifeline through Burma.

In the current talks among Chiang and leaders of India, the statement said, concrete steps were agreed to whereby a much larger quantity of goods will be sent to China by way of India than over the imperiled Burma Road.

"For this reason," it said, "military authorities in Burma have decided to mine the approaches to Rangoon, giving up Rangoon as a port for such goods."

## India Reported Ready to Route Aid to China

Chiang Kai-shek's Talk With Leaders Called 'Very Satisfactory'

CHUNGKING, Feb. 19 (UP).—An official announcement today described Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's conversations with Indian leaders as "very satisfactory" and said an agreement had been reached whereby Indian routes would if necessary supplement the threatened Burma Road as China's lifeline.

Chinese military authorities said the problem of shipping goods from Indian ports directly to China had been solved satisfactorily as a result of Chiang's visit to India.

"Concrete steps have been agreed to whereby a much larger quantity of goods will be transported to China through India than over the Burma Road," they said. The announcement said military authorities in Burma had decided to mine the sea approaches to Rangoon, abandoning the Burma Capital as an importation center for military supplies to China.

The Japanese advance across the Thai frontier has threatened the Burma Road over which Allied supplies for China have moved by rail from Rangoon to Lashio, thence by truck to Kunming, Yunnan Province capital, and Chungking, Chinese capital. Generalissimo and Madame Chiang conferred at Calcutta yesterday with Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader; Pandit Nehru of the All-India Congress, and Mahomet Ali Jinnah of the Moslem League.

### Deny Raid Story

HONOLULU, Feb. 19 (UP).—United States naval officials today denied a Vichy Radio report that Japanese planes have made a second air raid of the war against Hawaii.

## U.S. Sub Sinks Tokio Merchant Vessel

Japanese Breach British Burma Line; U. S. Troops in Java

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land soon, and British troops already are in action beside the Dutch in South Sumatra, attempting to hold back a Japanese invasion force from this island, it was revealed today.

Heartened by this support, Dutch officials announced that 182 Japanese ships had been sunk or damaged up to Feb. 14, citing this as proof that the Japanese can be stopped, if the Allies mass enough of their strength in time.

Arrival of a "relatively small number" of American ground forces, to supplement the American naval and air units which have been fighting throughout the Netherlands Indies for several weeks, was disclosed by the Aneta News Agency.

The American troops have seen no action yet, and have been taking life comparatively easy in a "certain East Java town," according to Aneta, but British gunners, possibly some who escaped from Singapore, were reported battling Japanese fighting south toward the Soenda Straits and Java from fallen oil center of Palembang.

### JAPANESE BREAK THROUGH BRITISH BURMA LINE

RANGOON, Feb. 19 (UP).—The Japanese have broken through Britain's Bilin River line, an official communiqué revealed tonight, and unofficial advices indicated the enemy vanguard was within 45 miles of the vital Pegu Railway Junction north of this endangered Burmese port.

Evacuation of civilians from Rangoon was being hastened and there was every indication that the great battle of Burma might be approaching a climax.

The GHQ afternoon communiqué said ironically that "the Japanese have succeeded in crossing to the west bank of the Bilin River" and revealed that after a new withdrawal by Empire front line forces, the Japanese were pressing forward. A number of bridges formerly in British hands apparently had been captured by the enemy.

Earlier counter-assaults by American volunteer airmen and allied troops temporarily had checked the Japanese onslaught after two days of terrible combat.

### JAPANESE BOMB DAWIN TWICE

SYDNEY, Feb. 19 (UP).—Swarms of Japanese bombers and fighters brought war directly to the Australian mainland for the first time in history today, sweeping over the vital Allied stronghold of Darwin in two savage raids which caused heavy damage to shipping and port installations.

Premier John Curtin from his hospital bed immediately rallied the nation to a "total" war effort and said in a dictated statement that while "damage to property is considerable," the attack must only "gird with steel our loins and nerves."

"Let it be remembered that Darwin has been bombed, but it has not been conquered," he admonished.

At least four of the Japanese bombers were shot down from the port in waves of 72 and 21 respectively.

Both attacks were well escorted by fighters and the second came while the city was still reeling from the first.

## 'Free Filipino' Unit Formed In U. S. Army

War Dep't Considering Formation of United Nations Legion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—The War Department has organized a "Free Filipino" battalion and is "giving consideration" to formation of a similar force composed of the nationals of other United Nations, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today.

Stimson said the Filipino battalion had been formed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. "In recognition of the intense loyalty and patriotism of those Filipinos who are now residing in the United States."

"It provides for them a means of serving in the armed forces of the United States, and the eventual opportunity of fighting on the soil of their homeland," he said.

The proposed United Nations battalion possibly would attract some volunteers, he said, that "the result will be an Allied legion composed of nationals of all Allied nations," many of which already have been overrun by the Axis.

## On the War Fronts

(AS OF FEBRUARY 19th)

By A VETERAN COMMANDER

The aerial and artillery fighting on the Bataan Peninsula is increasing in intensity. The Japanese have landed fresh reinforcements in Subic Bay. These probably have arrived from Singapore.

The Japanese are advancing in southern Burma and have forced their way across the Bilin River. Thus the only natural obstacle between them and the railroad to Mandalay is the Sittang River with its hilly eastern bank and flat western bank, a situation disadvantageous to the British defenders. Furthermore, as was to be expected, the Japanese are developing another blow much further north, along the Chiangmai-Toungoo line (the former in Thai, the latter on the railroad to Mandalay). Here the Chinese troops are seemingly active on the Japanese right flank, but news of their operations has not been confirmed as yet.

The Japanese are also paving the way for an all-out attack on Java, but have met with American fighter planes who have again proved their mettle by inflicting 25 per cent casualties on the Japanese raiders of the air. The Japanese have bombed the island of Timor and the Australian port of Darwin.

It seems that von Rommel in Libya has been forced back somewhat west of Tobruk. This is probably due to the appearance of Imperial air reinforcements on that front. This, in conjunction with the fighter action over Java and Sumatra, might indicate that the long awaited Allied air reinforcements have reached the Middle Eastern and Far Eastern Fronts.

We have to confess that we have been unable to locate on the map the four villages recaptured by the Red Army (Lapachino, Elitz, Sosino and Monakhovo). "Sosino" might be "Sovkina," west of Yelnya. This sounds too good to be true, but considering that the Germans last week mentioned the "Yelnya salient," it is entirely within the realm of possibilities.

The battle of Leningrad and the huge Smolensk operation are growing in intensity. The front resembles more and more a place of good Swiss cheese with the holes corresponding to the German fortified areas around inhabited places and railroad junction. The process of corrosion by Soviet cavalry, ski troops and paratroopers is proceeding at an energetic pace. The cheese-holes grow smaller and smaller and the moment is approaching when the battle area will suddenly be transformed into a cheese of the Kraft type, without holes.

The magnificent work of the Soviet artillery and the great superiority of that arm in the Red Army is emphasized by two entirely new factors.

The Soviet artillery firing "by squares" (that is, covering entire areas with shells) destroys German mine-fields, thus saving the Soviet engineers and sappers the dangerous work of hunting mines under snow drifts.

Another highly interesting factor is the correcting of artillery fire by trained guerrillas by radio. These guerrillas observe the fire of the Red Army artillery from behind the German lines and radio their observations to the batteries at the front. TRULY A GUNNER'S DREAM MADE POSSIBLE ONLY BY A REAL TOTAL PEOPLE'S WAR!

## Soviets Widen Break At Leningrad Front

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front says Soviet troops have broken the stubborn resistance of the enemy on an important sector where tanks were thrown into battle on both sides. In eight hours of fighting, one Soviet detachment occupied 12 fortified houses and destroyed the center of communications of the German division.

### UPSET ENEMY PLAN

Colonel Arhtunyan, writing in Red Star, describes the operations of Roginsky's unit against two enemy support points situated on a railroad line and highway where the Germans had concentrated more than two infantry battalions, one tank company, no less than two artillery divisions and five to six minethrower batteries.

Towards the close of the day, all the known roads indicated on the map were in the hands of the Red Army unit and it seemed that the enemy garrison was encircled. As if to give proof positive of this, the Germans demonstratively dropped provisions by parachute to the garrison.

However, suspicion was aroused when the Germans, despite heavy losses, continued to resist and showed no inclination to retreat. Finally it was ascertained that the Germans had earlier laid a path in the forest thicket along which they maintained communications with the rear and which they intended to use in the event of retreat.

### GERMANS ROUTED

Before withdrawing the Germans attempted to counter-attack in company with a tank company, but losing ten tanks, blown up by mines, they wavered and began to retreat.

Hundreds of Germans were wiped out not only on the battlefield but also on the road of retreat where the Soviet subdivisions lay in ambush. Two enemy battalions were utterly routed.

Roginsky's unit captured 18 mortars, 10 anti-tank guns, 10 haulage tractors, 18 lorries, many anti-tank rifles, machine guns, automatics and other armaments.

By taking possession of these two important points, the Soviet units still further widened the gap in the enemy defense.

### RED ARMY WIDENS LENINGRAD BREACH

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (UP).—Soviet troops advancing over the frozen Northwestern Front toward Leningrad have destroyed two enemy battalions and widened a breach in Germany's secondary defense line, the army newspaper Red Star reported today.

Dispatches described Red Army moves in three major sectors—near Leningrad, on the Kalinin front and in the southwest near Kharkov.

In addition to destroying the two enemy battalions near Leningrad,

Red Star said the Soviet assault troops had captured 18 cannons, 10 anti-tank guns and a quantity of other war material.

On the Kalinin front, northwest of Moscow, dispatches said more than 1,600 Germans had been wiped out during a series of "stiff" engagements near an important, unidentified town.

Heavy fighting and continued Soviet advances were reported from an important but unnamed sector of the Southwestern Front.

### GUERRILLA ATTACKS

Guerrillas operating in the rear of German forces in the Leningrad area were said to have inflicted even heavier losses on the Germans, "annihilating" 45 officers and 650 soldiers in two weeks.

"Incomplete" data on the operations, it was said, showed the guerrillas destroyed one tank, 93 trucks with supplies, two guns, 28 cars, damaged several field telephone lines and blew up 15 bridges and several ammunition dumps.

[Other dispatches reported also the capture of Kresty, in the Velich district, which is seventy miles northwest of Smolensk and no more than twenty miles from the border of White Russia.

[These dispatches quoted Pravda, Communist Party newspaper, as authority for the report that a Soviet artillery battery on a southern sector of the front had damaged or destroyed seven out of 14 counter-attacking German tanks and annihilated two battalions of supporting automatic riflemen. The way was thus cleared in this sector for a Red Army infantry advance, and, the paper said, "dozens of bodies of German soldiers littered the snow."

[Reconstruction work in the recaptured eastern part of the Donets Basin is going ahead rapidly. This reported, and already several thousand tons of coal have been shipped from reopened mines.]

## Welles Rejects Vichy Reply On Aiding Axis

New Instructions Sent Ambassador Leahy on North Africa

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles said today that replies from the Vichy Government to this country's representations regarding the French aid to Axis forces in North Africa were considered unsatisfactory.

Welles said at his press conference that fresh instructions had been sent to American Ambassador William Leahy in Vichy.

Today marked the first time in weeks that Welles had publicly discussed the delicate Vichy problem.



# Noted New Sponsors Join National Browder Parley

Francis Fisher Kane, CIO and AFL Leaders Among Group

The National Free Browder Congress to meet in New York, March 28 and 29 is receiving additional sponsors daily from all sections of the country and from outstanding individuals in all walks of life.

Additional sponsors announced yesterday by the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, included Philip M. Connelly, President California Industrial Union Council and Jack Montgomery, Regional Director, United Auto Workers of America.

Francis Fisher Kane, outstanding and nationally known defender of civil liberties, formerly U. S. Attorney of Eastern Pennsylvania and recipient of the 1936 Bok Award, has joined in the long list of patriotic Americans in sponsoring the free Browder Congress.

AFL leaders of Ohio who joined the sponsors yesterday included Francis B. Gerhart, President, National Match Workers Council, and James L. Furry, Secretary, Barberton Central Labor Union.

**90th SHIP CREW JOIN**  
The crew of the SS. William MacKen passed a resolution on board ship requesting President Roosevelt to immediately release Earl Browder from Atlanta penitentiary. This is the 90th ship crew which has taken such action for the freedom of the imprisoned anti-fascist.

**PROFESSOR APPEALS**  
Cecil C. North, Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University, wrote President Roosevelt, asking clemency for Earl Browder.

Professor North stated in his letter to the President that he is one of a "rather large group of non-Communist citizens who believe that Earl Browder's sentence was greatly out of proportion to his offense."

"At a time when we are mustering all of our national strength in behalf of democratic principles," wrote Professor North, "many of us who have little sympathy with Mr. Browder's political views believe that we should give no grounds for a belief that we are punishing a man for his political views. I believe a large number of Americans are convinced that that is what is happening in the case of Mr. Browder. I simply wish to record my support of a rather widespread movement in behalf of a release or commutation of his sentence."

**AFL LABOR OFFICIAL**  
Steve Traxel, President of the AFL Ashtabula County (Ohio) Barbers' Union wrote President Roosevelt that he has joined "with my fellow trade unionists in appealing to you, Mr. President, to exercise your Executive power and grant Earl Browder his freedom."

**CIO HEAD LEADER ACTS**  
Jack Lane, president of the Toledo Industrial Union Council called yesterday for the immediate release of Earl Browder from Atlanta penitentiary.

"The entire labor movement, Mr. President," is doing its share to destroy the evil Axis powers, so that the cause of justice and liberty may survive and triumph," wrote the Toledo head of the CIO. "American justice is the strongest link in our armor against the forces of slavery. The release of Earl Browder would be an act of justice and fair play."

**PHOTO SHOWS VIEW TOWARD SPEAKERS' ROSTRUM AT MASS MEETING OF THE TRADE UNION COMMITTEE TO FREE EARL BROWDER AT HOTEL DIPLOMAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.** Speakers included Ben Gold, president of the United Fur and Leather Workers Union; Morris Gainer, president of the Brotherhood of Painters Local 905; Lewis Merrill, president of the United Office and Professional Workers; Charles Collins, organizer of the Hotel and Club Employees Union; Joseph Brodsky, labor attorney; Sadie Van Veen, woman Communist leader; William Michaelson and William Albertson.

**1,200 Unionists Wire FDR: 'Free Browder'**  
Mass Meeting Hears Ben Gold, Gainer, Negro Hotel Union Leader

The strongest blow President Roosevelt can strike against the appeasement forces in this country is to open the doors of Atlanta Penitentiary for Earl Browder, Attorney Joseph Brodsky told 1,200 trade unionists at a mass meeting in the Hotel Diplomat Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the New York Trade Union Committee to Free Earl Browder.

"You haven't yet developed enough mass pressure," Brodsky told the audience. "You haven't yet made the voice of the people sound loudly enough and forcefully enough in the ears of the President."

Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, in the main address of the meeting, stated:

"That hypocritical game of technical charges against labor leaders is an old one. They put it over as far as some backward workers are concerned, but not on union members who have experience in struggle."

"In plain, ordinary language, this technical charge against Earl Browder is just a lot of bunk," the fur workers' leader told the applauding trade unionists.

**SEND WIRE TO FDR**  
A resolution in the form of a telegram to President Roosevelt, adopted unanimously by the mass meeting stated: "Washington fought to build our nation; Lincoln fought to save our nation; today we fight to defend America—Free Earl Browder and strengthen our nation for anti-Axis victory!"

Charles A. Collins, Negro business agent of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6, AFL, described the love and respect of the Negro people for Earl Browder.

"He taught the Negro people," Collins said, "that their best allies and friends are the working people."

After pledging all-out support to the war for the defeat of Hitlerism, he went on:

"But there can be no pretense of Negro rights when white workers who dedicate their lives to the fight for these rights—even as John Brown, even as Garfield—in prison, even as we go forward on the one hand to see that Hitler is defeated, on the other, that Earl Browder is freed."

**PAINTERS' LEADER SPEAKS**  
Morris Gainer, president of Local 905 of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, AFL, brought cheers from the audience when he said:

"If I were in a position to speak to the President, I would say, 'Mr. President, I know you are a busy man. I know you are handling a big war. But Mr. President, couldn't you let your FBI spare one day to round up Mr. Lindbergh and Mr. Coughlin and all the rest of these Copperhead skunks? Let them serve Mr. Browder's remaining three years, and let Mr. Browder out. Do that, Mr. President, and you will give a guarantee that the Axis powers are going to be smashed.'"

Other speakers included Lewis Merrill, president of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers; William Michaelson, business manager of Local 2, United Wholesale and Department Store Employees, CIO; and Sadie Van Veen, chairman of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party in New York State. William Albertson, trade union secretary of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, was chairman.

Louis Weinstein, administrative secretary of the Citizens' Committee, announced that the Wednesday night mass meeting, which will lead up to a National Congress to Free Earl Browder here on March 28 and 29.

**MANHATTAN**  
Sunday, Feb. 22—9:45 P.M.: Station WHOM (1480 K): Musical Program "Songs of Freedom" and talk by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

Wednesday, Feb. 25—7 P.M.: Banquet in honor of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Executive Secretary, Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder. Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Ave. Reservations in advance at \$2.

Wednesday, Feb. 25—8 P.M.: Clinton Palace, 151 Clinton St.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.: Yorkville Casino, 210 E. 86th St.; Speaker: Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

Friday, Feb. 27—8 P.M.: Park Palace, 5 W. 110th St. corner Fifth Ave.

Thursday, March 5—8 P.M.: Gold Manor, 688 Willoughby Ave.

Thursday, March 12—8 P.M.: Memorial Temple, 14th Ave. & 50th St.; Speaker: Louis Weinstein.

Thursday, March 12—8 P.M.: Bronx Club, Claremont Parkway and Park Ave.; Speaker: Carl Brodsky.

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# Dies Withheld Data on Pearl Harbor Spies

## Gave Gov't Run-Around Marcantonio Charges

### Nationwide Broadcast Bares Evasion of Biddle Request

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — Rep. Martin Dies failed to turn over to the Department of Justice information concerning Japanese espionage which he claimed would have prevented the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, Rep. Vito Marcantonio charged tonight.

In a nationwide radio broadcast over Mutual Network, Marcantonio declared that Dies had given the Department of Justice a "run-around" but no data concerning Japanese espionage. He said that he based this charge on information from the Department of Justice.

This was the second time Marcantonio blasted Dies by Dies designed to shift to the administration blame for the failure of his own committee to investigate Japanese and other Axis activities here. On the basis of Dies' dereliction of duty in connection with Pearl Harbor, Marcantonio urged discontinuation of the Dies Committee.

### EXPLODES DIES' ALIBI

Marcantonio told his radio audience how he had broken last week the first alibi in which Dies claimed that the State Department and the White House had prevented him from revealing information which "would have prevented the tragedy of Pearl Harbor."

The New York Congressman explained that he had been told by Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles that neither the White House nor the State Department had prevented Dies from revealing information concerning Japanese espionage.

He then turned his attention to Dies' second alibi which was that he had a letter from the Department of Justice advising him against holding public hearings on Japanese espionage.

Marcantonio pointed out that this was no alibi because there is a "tremendous distinction" between revealing information and conducting public hearings.

### FAIL TO REVEAL DATA

The New York Laborite then made the sensational disclosure that he had been informed by the Department of Justice that Dies had failed to cooperate and had not turned over information concerning Japanese espionage.

"I have been informed by the Department of Justice that at no time has Mr. Dies turned over to it any of the information which he stated would have prevented Pearl Harbor," Marcantonio said.

Marcantonio revealed that on Aug. 13 of last year Attorney General Francis Biddle had written to Dies asking for information about Japanese activities which the Texas Congressman had claimed to have in newspaper statements.

Dies replied in a letter, Marcantonio continued, "that the information could be obtained by the agents of the Department of Justice and Committee agents on the West Coast to cooperate with the Department of Justice agents."

"Thus instead of giving the Attorney General information which he said he had Dies gave the Attorney General mere evasions, commonly known as the good old-fashioned run-around," Marcantonio declared.

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## Soviet People To Honor Washington

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Washington's birth and his name has not lost its significance for progressive mankind. The Russian people, too, pronounce his name with reverence. His deeds serve as a symbol of unity, courage, and faith in victory for all who now are combatting ruthless, brutal aggression.

Further emphasizing growing American-Soviet friendship, a dispatch from Murmansk revealed that a large consignment of gifts from America had been distributed to Soviet troops. The presentation was marked by meetings during which the Red Army commanders thanked the United States donors.

"Despite the vast ocean expanse separating Soviet Russia and America, the two peoples are being drawn closer by the common struggle against German fascism," the dispatch said.



REP. VITO MARCANTONIO

## 6th Shipload Of Aid Sent by Russian Relief

### Second Ship to Leave This Month With Vital Supplies

Three thousand field-type kerosene stoves urgently requested by Soviet authorities for use in front line hospital tents and in refugee colonies along the ice-bound Russian front were included in a new shipment of 99 cases of relief supplies which has just left an Atlantic port, Russian War Relief, Inc., announced yesterday at its New York headquarters.

The shipment is the sixth sent by Russian War Relief and is the second to leave America this month. A seventh consignment, the largest yet assembled, is expected to leave some United States port on a ship within a week, according to Edward C. Carter, Russian War Relief president.

Stoves sent in the sixth shipment were a pressure type, chosen for adaptability as heating elements for hospital ward and for a variety of emergency uses among civilian groups in the reoccupied regions.

### HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

Other important items in the new shipment were 12,000 ounces of quinine hydrochloride, 10,000 ounces of quinine sulfate, and a case of 1,000 Michel wound clip forceps. Clips which are applied and removed by the Michel forceps are being used as wound sutures.

Previous shipments to America's Russian ally through Russian War Relief included various combinations of the sulfa drugs, more than 10,000 knitted garments and other articles of new clothing, and surgical instruments.

Carter said the increase of Russian War Relief's schedule of shipments to three this month is the result of both an extension of the organization itself to new communities throughout the country and of an "unmistakable daily growth of the admiration and sympathy with which the American people are watching the Russian victories over Hitler."

"We find that Americans are gaining new understanding of the truth of President Roosevelt's declaration that a successful Russian offensive against the Germans helps us," Carter said. "Just as our Government is driving to bring its deliveries to Russia under Lend-Lease up to schedules set back by the attack on Pearl Harbor, so the American people are accelerating their gifts of money for the relief supplies we are sending."

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### Vafiades Also To Be Freed; Fur Union to Greet Leaders

Irving Potash and John Vafiades, officials of the CIO Fur Workers Joint Council of New York, will be released from prison on Sunday, Feb. 22, after having served two-year sentences on charges rising out of their union activity.

A large welcoming party will greet the returned fur leaders in the union's auditorium, 350 West 26th St., next Tuesday, February 24, at 12 noon. The celebration, originally scheduled for Monday, the day after their return, was postponed because Monday is a legal holiday.

## Federated Files Brief Against AP

### Charges Monopoly Over Mat Service Issue with Thurman Arnold

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Because it bought and then scrapped the Wide World picture mat service—used by about 100 labor papers and countless small-town publications—the Associated Press has been formally charged with violation of the anti-trust laws by Federated Press labor news service.

The complaint, filed by Marc Stone, business manager of Federated Press, with Assistant Attorney-General Thurman Arnold, declares the AP has acted to restrict the supply of news pictures for labor and small community newspapers.

Wide World Photos was acquired by the AP from the New York Times last summer. At that time the service was the fourth largest competing syndicate.

Federated Press had been a Wide World customer for six years.

Scrapping of the agency leaves only two available mat services in the general field—United Press (Scripps-Howard) and International News (Hearst). The AP service operates under rules that make it prohibitive to labor papers and small publications.

The Federated Press complaint charges that AP dissolved the Wide World service to eliminate a strong competitor and to narrow the field. "Elimination of the Wide World mat service means," said the Federated Press, "that the little newspaper editor may be forced to use fewer pictures, and that publishers launching new papers will have trouble getting pictures."

Charging that the trend to monopoly is accompanied by higher costs, Federated Press points out that since the dissolution of the service it has contracted with International News Service for mats at prices 25 per cent above Wide World the first year, and 50 per cent higher the second year.

United Press quoted Federated Press a price about 125 per cent above Wide World.

Assistant Attorney-General Arnold has promised a prompt investigation of the charges, Federated Press said.

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## George Washington

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## Red Army Anniversary

February 23rd will mark another anniversary—for on that day the Soviet Red Army will be 24 years old—having been formed from the Red Guards of 1918.

Be assured of your copy of this week's Sunday Worker—place your order with your newsdealer today for this week's Sunday Worker.

## Murray Charges Plot To Kill Pay Demands

### Lists Charges Against Officials, Steel Trusts in Letter to Davis

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

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SOJOURNER TRUTH

## Ickes Tells of Plans to Avert Oil Rationing

But May Have to Ration Petroleum Products, Coordinator Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes said today "we foresee the possibility of nationwide rationing of petroleum products if other methods, about which he was 'pessimistic,' fail to solve shortages on both coasts."

"The whole country ought to share in whatever disabilities there are," Ickes told a press conference. He added, however, that "we aren't yet able to make up our minds" on whether rationing will be necessary.

His office is preparing a coupon rationing system with the Office of Price Administrator Leon Henderson.

Ickes said several emergency measures to avert rationing have been advanced by a plan to transfer 5,000 to 10,000 tank cars from the Midwest to use in carrying oil to the East Coast.

He explained this would increase by 75 per cent the amount of oil now moving by rail to the East Coast in an effort to replace an undischarged number of tankers diverted to war duties and those sunk by submarines. He assumed railroads could transport these tank cars.

Ickes said tank shipments had reached a new peak of 256,700 barrels daily, more than 15 per cent of total East Coast requirements. The Midwest will have to "make more economical use" of its transportation facilities to permit transfer of 5,000 to 10,000 tank cars, he said.

## Connecticut Shipyard Workers End Strike

NOANK, Conn., Feb. 19 (UP).—Approximately 65 construction employees at the Noank Shipbuilding Co., engaged in building minesweepers for the U. S. Navy, went back to work today after a 48-hour strike for higher wages.

The strikers, members of an American Federation of Labor union, resumed work under an agreement whereby the State Board of mediation and arbitration will mediate the dispute.

The strikers asked a 15 cents an hour wage increase.

# CIO Auto Head Demands Detroit End Stall on Negro Housing Project

By William Allan  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO, today demanded of the Detroit City Council that it stop stalling on the opening of the Sojourner Truth Housing project for Negro workers "Protracted delay in arranging for immediate Negro occupancy," he said, "is resulting in unfortunate confusion and is detrimental to the unity of the community and the furtherance of the war effort."

Appellate elements like Councilmen Dorais, Bogell and Garlick have kept the Negroes out of the project and seek to delay the opening despite the go-ahead signal

## Open Sojourner Truth Homes, AFL, Mayor Jeffries Call

from the Federal Housing Authorities in Washington.

Dorais and Bogell, both backed by the Ford Motor Co. in the last elections are suggesting that Negro defense workers wait a year while another project is built for them. Dorais offered the Council this disunity proposal some days ago and said that Henry Ford had offered land for a project.

Meanwhile the American Federation of Labor, through Frank X. Martel and the CIO Wayne County Industrial Union Council have vigorously demanded an end to this

discriminatory blow to national unity.

Baird Snyder, acting administrator of the Federal Works Agency, ordered the opening of the Housing project in a telegram to the Detroit Housing Commission.

"Real estate sharks aided by the Klu Klux Klan have continued their anti-Negro activity in the territory of the project, Nevada and Fenelon Aves. News of the occupancy of the projects by Negro defense workers Monday caused the Klan elements to stir up a motley crew of 'pickets' to prevent the Negroes from entering the project.

Organized labor has said that if any attempt is made to bar Negro defense workers from the housing project labor will personally escort Negro workers into their homes and stand guard to see that no Klan elements attack them.

The united stand of the AFL and CIO together with Mayor Jeffries and CIO Councilman George Edwards and great sections of Detroit people have stopped discrimination against Negro defense workers by real estate sharks who would rob them of their homes, built especially for them. Today labor leaders, the Mayor and members of the council said that there will be no compromise and that the project belongs to the Negro defense workers.



R. J. THOMAS

## Subscriptions For Sunday Worker Grow

Circulation Spurts in Vital Defense Areas, List Honor States

The increased influence of the Sunday Worker in the American labor movement is demonstrated by the first results of the national drive to increase the paper's circulation to 120,000. Part of this drive is the campaign, supported by the Communist Party, to obtain 20,000 Sunday Worker subscriptions by May first, especially from among industrial workers who are at the heart of America's battle for production.

Of Chicago's 184 subscriptions brought in during the course of the present drive, 39 have come from workers in the Armour Packing Plant, and the majority of the remainder from steel workers, radio workers, and miners.

Birmingham, Alabama, has added 13 coal miners, eight steel workers, and three railroad workers, to the growing list of Sunday Worker readers in the deep South.

Perhaps the outstanding instance of the response which the drive has aroused in the ranks of labor can be seen in the Plymouth plant, Detroit, from which 267 Sunday Worker subscriptions have come in the period immediately before Feb. 1, plus an additional 23 since that date.

Browder Brigades in Youngstown, Ohio, report that of the 750 Sunday Workers which they sell each week, 600 go to the steel workers of Youngstown and Warren.

New York City's two industrial sections of the Communist Party have already solicited more than 600 home delivery subscriptions from shopmates in the city's major industries.

During the past week 622 of these six-month subscriptions have come in, with indications that the current week will see still better results.

### HONOR STATES

The following states won top honors for the past week's work:

Alabama	8 subscriptions
Illinois	164
New England	61
Michigan	109
Minnesota	47
Missouri	16
Ohio	30
Pittsburgh	72
Wisconsin	79

In proportion to their size, and the work of previous weeks, Wisconsin is doing the outstanding job in the country.

## Insurance Co. Forced Strike, Union Charges

122 Agents Walk Out as CIO Efforts to Settle 6-Week Talks Fail

Charging the Unity Life & Accident Insurance Association of Syracuse with deliberately provoking the strike of 122 insurance men in the five New York District Offices of the company, the Industrial Insurance Agents Union, Local 30, CIO, yesterday made public the story of its six week old effort to renew a union agreement with the insurance corporation.

Leon W. Berney, general organizer of Local 30, an affiliate of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, yesterday described the patient efforts of union representatives to bring about a settlement of the dispute without resorting to strike.

The difficulties arose when, with the expiration of the contract on Jan. 31, the company demanded that the agents take a cut in income, according to Mr. Berney. "Asking any group of employees to take a cut in salary at this time of rising cost of living is a pure and simple provocation," the union leader pointed out. "But the union refused to be provoked into a strike. Instead we sought the intervention of the State Department of Labor Mediation."

The Mediation Board, Mr. Berney related, abandoned attempts to settle the Unity case after the company had refused all efforts to cooperate. The union then sought the offices of the Federal Department of Conciliation.

# Buffalo Negro Housing Scandal, Job Prejudices Impede Production

(This is the sixth of a series on the Battle of Production in the important and widespread upstate areas.)

By George Morris  
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BUFFALO, Feb. 19.—The housing situation in the state's principal war production centers is in a deep crisis stage, but for the Negro people, who face discrimination in quest of shelter or a job, the situation is a scandal.

By the example Buffalo presents one might judge the city's location to be in the most vicious Southern bourgeois area.

The latest figure on vacancy rate in the city shows a little more than one-half of one per cent. That was in December. It is down to about zero now. New homes being built are not for Negroes. If a Negro loses his home because of fire, he's on the street unless neighbors take his family in.

Fire-traps and old condemned houses are all most Negro families in Buffalo can live in, as one can see along the streets off Broadway.

### A NEGRO HOME

While talking to a worker outside the Bethlehem Steel mill in Lackawanna, I noticed a Negro woman and a child walking into a garage-like doorway across the street.

"What is this, a home?" I asked. "Yes," he replied. "They've been living in that shack for a long time. There are some places worse than this."

"The colored people pay very high rents and live in places other people wouldn't go into," is the way it was put by A. J. Smitherman, editor of the Buffalo Star, Negro publication, when interviewed by the Daily Worker.

### BLACK U. S. PROJECT

This is only one phase of the scandal. The other is the recent wave of insults and anti-Negro agitation bordering on hysteria, that reactionaries in the city council and real estate and banking interests have released upon the Negro folks here along with their campaign to prevent Negroes from

obtaining more and decent housing.

The Federal government offered to build a housing project for the Negro people and chose a site for it in South Buffalo (Oak St.) not far from the Bethlehem, Republic and several other nearby steel mills, the only establishments here where Negro workers are employed in considerable numbers. The object was to supply housing for workers in war plants and to locate it so workers do not require nearly an hour to get to work or to tax the much overburdened city's transportation.

The Federal government made the mistake of not asking the permission of the owners of adjacent property. A howl went up such as only a cross between Negro-baiters and real estate owners could raise. Delegations purporting to speak for the people of South Buffalo were hastily gotten up. They mobbed the council and forced a decision refusing to grant the government a right to build the project on the Oak St. site.

The Federal government and Senator Mead were the object, of cat-calls at this Council hearing, for allowing the government to "dump" the Negro project into "South Buffalo." The so-called "liberal" opinion at that council hearing was to advise the Negro people that they ought not to desire to live "where they are not wanted." As support for the opposition to the proposed project, a resolution was then adopted favoring construction of an extension to the existing Willert Park housing project where Negroes live.

### LEHMAN URGES ACTION

That was in August. But the run-around on the matter still continues. The housing crisis reached its acute stage, and still neither of the two projects is in sight. Matters came to a point where Governor Lehman, earlier this month, wrote a sharp letter to the city council demanding immediate action to clear the way for projects. Another public official charged the city councilmen with rendering "fifth column" service by their conduct on the housing situation.

"In the present emergency there devolves upon every public official, local, State and Federal, the greatest responsibility in connection with the war effort," the Governor wrote to Mayor Joseph J. Kelly.

"That responsibility demands not only that every step required for the effective prosecution of the war be taken, but above everything else, that such steps be taken with the greatest possible speed. The matter of adequate housing for defense workers is a prime essential for the successful prosecution of the war. Weeks and months have already been lost making such provisions in your community."

Demanding action "at once," the Governor pointed to the vital part Buffalo has in the war effort.

"Whatever may have been the reasons for the justification for delay the events of Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor) have changed the situation. Nothing can now excuse our failure to act."

The Governor's criticism while more directly aimed at the refusal to get the Negro projects under way was also directed against blocking several other Federal and State projects. The result is that thousands of skilled workers, needed in Buffalo and available from other parts of the country (Negro and white), cannot take jobs here because they have no place to live.

### COMMUNIST FIGHT

The Communist Party of this city, in full accord with the viewpoint of leaders of Negro organizations, has waged a strong fight to get the projects under way, and has also protested against the policy of "Negro" or "white" projects, declaring that segregation has no room in a free country, and is certainly not in accord with the program to defeat Hitlerism. The fight is fundamentally one of a right of the Negro people here to break out of the Fifth Ward ghetto walls to which they have been confined.

"I think the government should take a stand and not just ask the city to do something," Mr. Smitherman said to me during the in-

terview. He pointed out that all the city has to do is agree. There is no local cost of any kind involved.

"There is a general belief that we are getting a run-around. It is absolutely unjustified. There has been no laxity on the part of our people in support of the war. There is no question of the loyalty of our people. We are entitled to some of the essentials of life."

The Negro editor then swung over to the other millions that are pressing against the very right to live for the Negro people—job discrimination.

He backed fully the recent exposure on the floor of the Assembly by Assemblyman William T. Armstrong of New York that Buffalo war plants and the city administration are among the worst offenders of the rights of the Negro people.

Backing with actual figures Armstrong's charge, Smitherman said cautiously that he has found "some discrepancy" in what the Assemblyman said.

### JOB DISCRIMINATION

"He said there was only one colored employee in the Buffalo school system. I investigated and found there are actually five."

Armstrong revealed that of Bell Aircraft's 11,000 employees there are only 51 Negroes and Curtiss-Wright of 18,000 employees only 39 Negroes. Firms charged with discriminating against Negroes included the Buffalo Arms Corp.; American Car & Foundry; Worthington Pump and Machinery; Sterling Engine; the duPont Co.; Rayon Division; and Remington Rand.

Smitherman brought forth a list of Buffalo firms showing the results of a survey on Negro employment. Only five firms employ more than 100. They are Bethlehem Steel, 1,100; Republic Steel, 350; American Radiator, 316; American Brass, 150; and the Chevrolet Gear and Axle, 100.

The heavy and most disagreeable work goes to the Negro workers where they are employed. One still hears the claim that the Negroes fail to get employment because only skilled are needed. Negro leaders here point out that in the first place, thousands upon thousands of unskilled, some from farms or such as have never had experience on the production line, are streaming into the plants; secondly, skilled and semi-skilled among the Negroes have difficulty in obtaining jobs. Some interest here is centered on the newly set-up government committee to investigate discrimination. The Erie County Council of the CIO has formed a committee to cooperate with the President's anti-discrimination committee.

Just what effect anti-Negro discrimination has, was vividly described here by a Negro, father of two sons, one 21, a graduate of the high school of the steel town of Lackawanna, another 18, now in senior high. The story came to me from a CIO leader who is taking action in the case. It was last April when the father asked the plant superintendent to give a job to the older youth as a graduation gift and to the younger as birthday gift. The superintendent told him that he thought that would be easily possible.

Only floods of excuses poured in instead of fulfillment. To date, promised cards to call the boys to the employment office have not yet been received. In the meantime, the older boy applied for a job at Buffalo Arms but was turned down for lack of a birth certificate. The older boy then applied to enlist in the Air Corps, only to be told that there is no place for Negroes in the Air Corps. They took his name, however. In December, the week of Pearl Harbor, he was again at the recruiting office. He was pronounced O.K. but for his eyes. Three days later his eyes were called good by a doctor. But to this day he is still not in the air corps. In the meantime, having obtained his birth certificate, he reapplied at Buffalo Arms, but he is still on a National Youth Administration project, still neither on a job nor in the armed forces.

# Hill Says Fish Introduced Him to Viereck in Capital

Senators Reynolds and Nye Named in Trial of Nazi Agent

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copy of the list and slipped the clerk two \$50 bills as a tip for this service. The speech, which was delivered in the Senate by the late Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota, but written by Viereck, was published in book form by Flanders Hall, pro-Nazi outfit. It was mailed out under Lundeen's frank, and later, according to Hill, Viereck said that Lundeen would take care of all mailing expenses. The witness testified that he received \$250 from the late Senator.

Hill also revealed that he drew up other mailing lists taken from "Who's Who" for Viereck and that he received an additional \$100 from the German agent for this work.

The convicted clerk, who served as Fish's secretary for 20 years prior to his jail sentence, also told the jury that he had seen Prescott Bennett, Viereck's Washington representative, in Congressman Fish's office many times.

Later in the day, Joel Frank Weber, former promoter of the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee," which was run by Bennett, testified that the committee sent out large quantities of franked speeches of several Congressmen.

### REYNOLDS, NYE NAMED

Among those mentioned by Weber were Senators Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina and Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, and Reps. George Tinkham, Mass., and Martin L. Sweeney, Ohio Democrat.

Weber testified that he had sent several mailing lists to Viereck in New York, one of which was made up of names of people who sent "fan letters" to Rep. Sweeney after a nationwide broadcast.

It is clear that Viereck used these small isolationist committees as a means to secure mailing lists to which he sent out further pro-Nazi propaganda. Hill was recalled to the witness stand this afternoon and stated that he had ordered a large number of reprints, "England Expects Every American to Do His Duty," an anti-British book. Hill's loquaciousness and his apparent willingness to tell all today was in striking contrast to the silence he maintained before the Grand Jury and during his trial, which resulted in his conviction.

Other witnesses during the day

were Mrs. J. Frank Weber, who also worked for the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee," who testified she had seen a "large picture of Hitler hanging on the wall" of Viereck's New York apartment, and Ralph L. Harris, Congressional Record Clerk.

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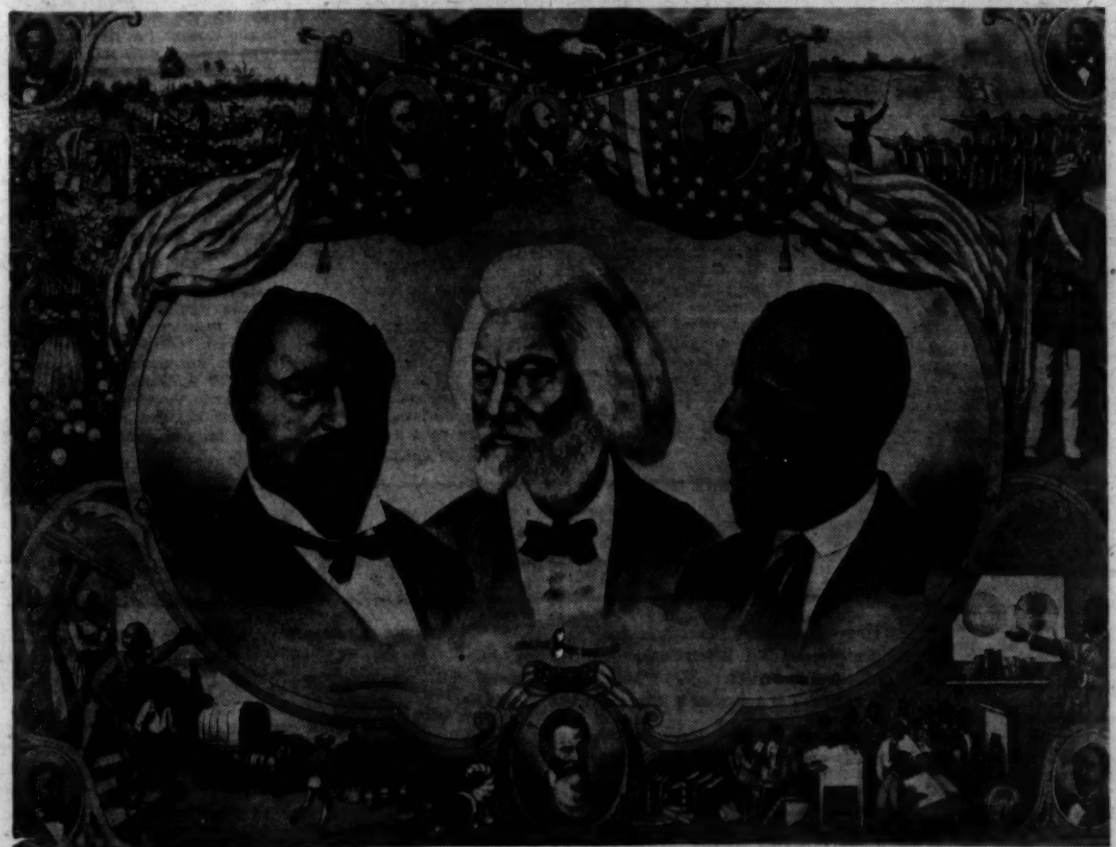
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Northern copperheads, is buried deeply into the lives of the Negro people who are celebrating Douglass' anniversary, by giving their all against Hitlerism.

Frederick Douglass never knew the precise date either of year or the day of his birth. He thought the year was 1817, and persons who had known him longest agreed that that might be approximately correct. He said he thought he was born "between Feb. 12 and 14" but was not certain which was the right date. After his death the 14th was selected by his admirers as the anniversary of his birth. Later, when Lincoln's birthday came more and more to be celebrated, Feb. 12 was chosen also as the date of Douglass' birth. Today the anniversary of Douglass' birth is observed on either the 12th or 14th.



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### The Steel Companies Are Out of Order

If the press is reporting accurately what the steel company executives are saying, then these gentlemen are assuming a most arrogant attitude toward the government and the nation. According to these reports, the "Little Steel" corporations are bent on preventing the National Victory Labor Board from passing on the question either of "maintenance of membership" or the union shop.

Such a stand is entirely out of order. It is clearly within the province of the board to pass upon such controversies, and it was for just such a purpose that the board was set up at the time labor agreed to suspend its right to strike.

That the steel companies should come forward with this form of obstruction is particularly injurious to the national interest, since we know that powerful and selfish groups sought to block the board from performing this function at the time it was created. We are also aware that at the present time a move is on foot to work out ways and means by which the Victory Labor Board can be wrecked. Such schemes to bring about chaos in industrial relationships arise from those interests who want to exploit the war for their own narrow purposes.

The union shop and "maintenance of membership" are certainly subjects for mediation. Many large plants are under union shop contracts, including the Ford Motor Corporation with its 90,000 workers. These so-called "Little Steel" corporations (which are huge concerns and not little at all) should be willing, in the national interest, to accept the mediation of this matter.

The existence of a powerful labor movement is not harmful to the war effort. It is, in fact, of the utmost help. How much more difficult would it be for the government to arouse the workers to full support of the war and to a complete response in the battle for production if it had to approach the individual workers, man by man, instead of dealing with them through their widespread organizations. The initiative of labor in behalf of all-out war production is an indication of the gifts which strong unionism provides for the national war effort.

It comes with ill grace in particular for the steel companies to adopt this dog-in-the-manger attitude. They have no standing in this respect in the court of public opinion. They are rolling in unhealthy profits, and are in a position to grant to labor anything it asks at this time. On its own part, labor has made marked sacrifices for the war, specifically in suspending its right to strike. That it should be denied the right to submit the union shop to mediation is contrary to the character of this war and contrary to the nation's welfare.

### Get Into the Fight Against America's Cliveden Set

Having been caught in the midst of their depredations against the country's safety, the American Cliveden set is trying several tricks to escape the nation's wrath.

The New York Daily News makes a personal attack on President Roosevelt.

Other appeasers try to pretend that nobody said anything, or that what was said doesn't apply to them.

William Randolph Hearst leads the parade by defiantly repeating the suicidal advice that we halt arms shipments to our allies, Britain and the Soviet Union, and what Hearst calls "every non-American spot on the face of the globe." These so-called "non-American spots" are exactly where Hitler is massing his greatest armies of conquest, and Hearst demands that America do nothing to stop Hitler. He dares to call this Judas advice "patriotism." It is "patriotism" in the purest Cliveden style; the style of the Petains and Quislings of America. The appeasers are growing bolder; they are preparing their Spring offensive within our gates as Hitler prepares it outside.

In short, the President's warning to America to beware of the lie-factories and rumor-mongering of Hitler's friends in America is of the utmost seriousness.

For the whole country to respond to the President's leadership in this is a matter of vital political and military necessity.

It is not enough that the country hears the President's warning. The country must act upon this warning. The names and places are known. The Daily Worker's Washington correspondent has given America the fullest information.

Merely mentioning the Cliveden set which gnaws at our security is only the beginning.

We believe that every trade union, every local organization of patriotic men and women, ought to wire the President greeting his timely warning against the Cliveden set, with its Hearsts, Norman Thomases, Martin Dies and Daily News mouthpieces. We be-

lieve that every trade union should vow to vigilance against all rumor-monger defeatists wherever they may be found, whether in the factory, Congress, the press or the radio.

Get into the fight to curb the insidious band of traitors who form the Cliveden set of America.

### A Cause for World-wide Protests

Beneath the flaky snow at Lotoshino, recently liberated by the Red Army, were found the bodies of 949 Soviet men, women and children done to death by the foul Nazi enemy. Some of these innocent civilians were shot (at the rate of 276 persons at a time), others were hanged, still others forced to freeze to death—all because they were Soviet citizens.

These were only a few of the horrible Nazi crimes detailed in a moving story prominently displayed on the front page of the New York Herald Tribune yesterday. They form a vivid picture of the New Order in action—the essence of Hitlerism.

That such crimes are not the isolated acts of undisciplined soldiers can be seen from the document of Nazi atrocities recently released to the world by Foreign Commissar Molotov and by the steady stream of dispatches carried in the Daily Worker. Molotov pointed out that such brutalities were organized by the Nazi High Command and by Hitler under the guise of legitimate warfare; and the mass scale upon which these atrocities are perpetrated give abundant proof of the fact. It is evident that the Hitler regime has brutalized considerable sections of the German soldiery whose barbarism against the Polish, French, Norwegian, Greek and other peoples is a deliberate part of Hitler's war campaign. The Soviet Union is doing a service to humanity by seeking to put an end to the Nazi war machine.

It is somewhat surprising that our national government—which justly protested the killing of French hostages—has not yet protested the unspeakable crimes against the Soviet people. Meanwhile, Labor and people's organizations can raise their voice in such force that it will be heard even in the councils of the arch-criminal Hitler.

### Bull's Eye!

The weekly New Masses proves its alertness to the fight against the appeasers by its timely expose of what President Roosevelt has called Washington's Cliveden set.

The New Masses Washington correspondent, Bruce Minton, takes his readers into the private salons of the would-be Quislings and Petains of America, the real headquarters of the rumor factories which the President denounced. It is a notable job of journalism.

We recommend that our readers get themselves copies of this week's New Masses. Its editors have performed a genuine service to the country.

### Necessary for the Defeat of Hitler

When Hitler had his Tokyo allies inflict the first treacherous wounds upon our country, it was in the hope that disunity would ensue and that the fraudulent Japanese "darker race" theory would take root among the Negro people. This was, of course, insulting to patriotic Negro Americans; and though the Fifth Columnists are still at it, they find granite-like anti-fascist solidarity of the Negro people with other citizens for the destruction of Hitler.

A further and most important expression of the Negro people's support of the nation's war effort was symbolized in yesterday's statement of the 200 Negro church leaders of practically every denomination. This is not only additional testimony that no such thing as religious freedom can exist in a Hitler world. It shows also that the Negro people, because of the discriminations still existing against them, are in a special position to know what a Hitler victory over their country would mean.

Thus it was in the spirit of achieving military victory over the common enemy that these churchmen stated: "Continued exclusion of Negro workers from employment at war production is an injury to the whole American people. The practice of segregation and discrimination in the armed forces lowers the morale of all Americans, Negro and white. Lynchings and discriminations do not unite a people for war. Although Negroes are one-tenth of the population, they are generally disregarded in the administrative organization of government and of private institutions and agencies."

The fight for the equality of the Negro people is not something opposed to or separate from the war effort as the demagogic appeasers present it. It is a part of the fight to defeat Hitler, which is seriously endangered unless all our human resources are mobilized without disuniting discriminations.

President Roosevelt has set the tone in his executive orders and statements—both of which are in keeping with the spirit and will to win of the American people. Negro citizens should be represented on the war boards and other apparatus of the national effort. Those who obstruct the President's just proclamations and hamper the war effort with racial discrimination are helping the enemy and should be dealt with as such.

# A Salute From Freedom-Loving Humanity: Soviets Celebrate Red Army Day, Feb. 23

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—This year the 24th anniversary of the Red Army, Feb. 23, will be celebrated far beyond the confines of the Land of the Soviets, an article appearing in the Soviet press today declared.

Today, the article said, the whole world looks with admiration at the Red Army, the army

which is in the vanguard of the great world front of struggle against Nazi barbarity and for freedom. It alone is bearing the full brunt of the German war machine and striking hammer blows at the German hydra.

It gloriously emerged victor at Moscow in the greatest battle known in history. Let us recall some of the episodes of this great battle—episodes which in their aggregate led to the heavy defeat of the Hitlerite hordes.

Hitler hoped to vanquish Moscow with his tanks. German, Czech and French tanks swept down on Moscow like an avalanche of iron and steel to hurl their destructive force against this proud city of liberty and crush it. At that time the Red Army had far less tanks than the Germans. But its tanks were driven by the steady hand of people convinced of the justice of their cause and ready to die for it.

Such was Political Instructor Barin, whose tank checked the advance of 40 German tanks in the course of many hours, destroying five of them and held his position until reinforcements arrived on the scene and the Germans were put to flight.

Such was Senior Lieutenant Jon Minerko who entered into battle with his two tanks against a German column of ten. Minerko destroyed two enemy tanks with artillery fire and crushed one with the weight of his machine. The rest beat a retreat.

Such were Lieutenant Kurutaa, Sergeant Monastyrsky and Red Armyman Zibichuk, who drove their tank deep into the enemy rear, sowing destruction and death among them. They fought until their last cartridge. And when their ammunition gave out and their tank was surrounded by superior enemy forces, they died a heroic death in their burning tank.

But even when there was not a single Soviet tank on the scene to pit against the German tanks, the Red Army men firmly stood their ground. They countered the iron monsters with a force stronger than iron and steel—the heroism and determination of the Soviet citizen to defend his free country.

This is how Political Instructor Borisakko fought: He was alone on a highway leading to Moscow when he observed three German tanks making their way into the Soviet rear. One man against three tanks!

### ONE MAN VS. 3 TANKS

But he did not waver, did not retreat. He was a citizen of the Land of Soviets. Hurling two bottles filled with liquid fuel he set fire to the first German tank and shot its crew as it tried to escape. Hand grenades put the second tank out of action and the third preferred not to enter battle and beat a hasty retreat.

This is how Red Army men Sergei Golovayev and Mikhail Valikov fought when they encountered a column of ten German tanks. They were observed by the enemy and fire was opened on them from guns and machine guns. But the Red Army men were not to be frightened. They crept over closer and closer to the tanks and when just within a few feet of them engaged in the unequal contest.

They stopped the first tank with a hand grenade, burned the next two with bottles filled with liquid fuel and the fourth, the biggest of the lot, they destroyed with a batch of grenades.

Hitler massed the whole of his Luftwaffe against Moscow. He was confident that his aircraft would enable him to score the same rapid victories that he had won in his earlier military campaigns. At that time the Red Army's air force was numerically inferior to the Germans. But the heroism of the Soviet airman many times over enhanced the strength of the Soviet Union's aviation.

It was in Moscow on that memorable day, Nov. 6, that Stalin's words rang out in a hall in the heart of the city, words inspiring Red Army men and the whole Soviet people to new exploits and further strengthening their readiness to struggle.

All day long the Germans attempted to raid Moscow, sending 250 planes against the city. In the evening the attack was renewed and 50 German bombers approached the capital, but did not reach it.

Soviet airmen went up to meet them and an intense air battle ensued. Many Soviet pilots, running out of ammunition, rammed German bombers. The fascist air armada was dispersed, losing 34 of its bombers.

Many are the names of Soviet aviators inscribed in the golden annals of the heroic defense of Moscow. Among them is Senior Lieutenant Startsev, who on a score of occasions in unequal combat rammed German planes. Among them is Senior Lieutenant Katrich, who has become the terror of the German pirates—with precision and great skill he used his propeller to smash the elevators of the German planes and send them hurtling downwards.

Among them are aviators Vasilyev, Talalikhin, Kiselev, Demenchuk, Grunin and a host of other Soviet fliers who risked their lives countless times defending beloved Moscow.

### THE NOVEMBER CRISIS

Hitler, wishing "to vanquish Moscow at all costs," threw increasingly new divisions of his terrible army into action, the army which in other European countries had scored easy victories. In the middle of November 50 German divisions—the flower of the Hitlerite army—were massed outside Moscow.

And this "victorious campaign of the invincible army" collapsed against a formidable and insurmountable obstacle: the heroism and self-sacrifice of the Soviet Red Army man!

It was Political Instructor Selesnev, who with another seven Red Army men, held a position against a whole horde of German sub-machine gunners. Wounded in the right hand he continued to fire on the advancing enemy with his left. He fought until the last bullet and fell like a hero, his task accomplished, his position defended.

It is Sergeant Klichukov, in company with several Red Army men, who, in the course of many hours, repelled the attack of a strong German detachment, himself often counter-attacking. In one encounter alone he accounted for more than 100 German soldiers and officers.

It is Junior Lieutenant Shirmatov, with a small group of Red Army men and one machine gun at their disposal, who swept back wave upon wave of heavy enemy attacks and who, finally, heroically rushed the enemy, yelling:

"Well, who still wants to go to Moscow?"

There were hundreds of thousands of such heroes. They all came from the Soviet people, from the Socialist society. And Moscow returned this love, supplying the Red Army with everything it needed, building powerful fortifications, enduring, working and fighting.

This is how the great battle of this war was won. This is how Moscow was defended. This is how the decisive step was made towards destroying the fascist beast of prey, towards liberating the whole world.

That is why the Red Army's anniversary this year is such a great day. A great day for Moscow, for the Soviet Union, for all freedom-loving mankind!



## Twice Rejected, Lame Soviet Youth Terrorizes Nazis as Partisan Hero

(By Helen Kononenko)

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—Ilya Kuzin's lame leg had not prevented him from displaying exceptional will and persistence in becoming a pilot at the age of 20 on one of the ships plying the Moscow-Volga Canal. Then came the war.

His two brothers went to the front—Ilya was not accepted into the army. The lad was ready to hate the doctors for rejecting him as unfit for service. But fate smiled. The Young Communist League was sending its finest people to help the partisans.

Ilya hastened to convince them that he should be sent, adding that his crippled leg would not be a hindrance. He was right.

### BLOWS UP TRAIN

It happened 200 kilometers (135 miles) from Smolensk. The railway track along which moved the German ammunition freight loads was blown into the air, destroying the fascist train. Ilya executed this operation in company with another partisan.

Digging a small ditch near the place where the train had to make a turning, the two of them lay down and waited. In another spot they planted mines. When the locomotive drew level with the mined spot, Ilya and his comrade connected the fuses with lightning speed and jumped back. The locomotive overturned, carriages collided, a terrific din shook the air followed by a deafening crash—it was the German shells exploding in the carriages.

The ground trembled. Ilya lay motionless, buried under boards and debris. After everything had died down, Ilya and his companion crawled out from under the wreckage. Both had been stunned by the noise and lost hearing, regaining it only two weeks later.

While out on a battle assignment in the month of October, the Germans hit the trail of a partisan group. The latter was compelled to take cover in impassable swamps where it remained for two whole days neck deep in water and slime.

Ilya's crippled leg began to swell. Wading through the swamp with difficulty, the partisans carried the lad on their arms until they reached the line of the front. There they parted. For seven days Ilya lay in the hospital. On the eighth the doctors signed him out with a note to the effect that he was not fit for action.

He returned to Moscow. His leg stopped aching. . . . The fascist hordes were closing in on the capital. Again the YCL was sending the best of its members to assist the partisan detachments and again Ilya was fighting in the partisan ranks against the fascist beasts—this time in the Volokolamsk forests. . . .

Lotoshino-Vysokovskoye—German traffic was heavy on this road. This partisan detachment learned that the fascist mobile gasoline tanks would be moving in this direction in the early hours of the morning. Ilya and another six partisans hastened to the spot and took up their position fifteen meters off the main road and waited far into the night before the column of eight-ton mobile gasoline tanks hove into sight. It wasn't long before the first and second tanks hit the mines and blew up; the third collided with the second and soon all three were enveloped in tongues of flame rising skywards.

The tireless Ilya swiftly led his group to another place where he again planted mines. The enemy became panic-stricken. The lorry carrying the German infantry sped along the road only to hit the mine and go flying into the air.

The Germans—desperate—combed the forest with machine gun and automatic fire for days at a stretch in an attempt to capture the partisans. Ilya however was already fighting elsewhere.

### WAYLAYS TRUCKS

Getting the detachment commander's permission, he took up a position on the road along which the Germans were returning on lorries loaded with sheepskin coats, caps, feltboots, rye and pigs plundered from the collective farmers. When the first came in sight, Ilya jumped out from his hiding place and hurled a hand grenade at it. The vehicle came to a standstill. In its wake followed a second lorry likewise loaded with stolen collective farm property.

The chauffeur, looking out to see what had happened was felled by a bullet from Ilya's mauler. Other partisans were busy hurling bottles filled with liquid fuel at the lorry. The last car bringing up the rear was filled with infantry. The chauffeur managed to slip through but Ilya hurled a hand grenade with full force at the passengers—the grenade exploded and the car with dead fascists raced onwards. . . .

Wherever Ilya appeared ammunition dumps went flying into the air, gasoline tanks burst into flames, vehicles crashed.

He was responsible for 150 explosions, wiping out no small number of Germans. In vain did the Germans try to trace his whereabouts. When the fascist marauders were driven out of Moscow region, his was the first name pronounced by the Red Army men, partisans, women and children. For heroism and bravery displayed in partisan warfare in the rear of the German invaders, the title of Hero of the Soviet Union has been conferred on Ilya Kuzin.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Urge Browder's Freedom to Maintain Civil Liberties

Editor, Daily Worker: Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Following is a copy of a letter we sent to President Roosevelt:

"To correct a grave error, Mr. President, you must use your executive power to free the most outstanding anti-fascist leader, Earl Browder.

"We are only asking for an act of justice, not a favor. Freeing Earl Browder would help unite the people for victory over the Axis powers and maintain our civil liberties at home.

"We urge you to release him immediately."

MR. AND MRS. L. D.

### Still Too Much Politics And Business-As-Usual

Editor, Daily Worker: New York, N. Y.

Millions of our people are yet unemployed, other millions are forced to waste their time on comparatively unimportant jobs. This is a time when every

ounce of human effort and ability is vitally needed in the defense and offense of our nation at war. Politics is being played too much to the detriment of better attention to our war effort by the old parties.

The time element of this war is extremely important. We must ever be in the vanguard offering and pressing the government to greater effort and efficiency by constructive criticism and planning. We are not yet proceeding near fast enough in our all-out war effort.

M. C.

### Calls for Greater Effort to Free Earl Browder

Editor, Daily Worker: New York, N. Y.

Let's sound ever louder our demand that Earl Browder be freed so that he can take his active place in the fight for the freedom of our country.

I can't see how he can be permitted to remain in jail especially in a country at war with Hitler and the Axis powers.

M. W.



## CONSTANT READER

A Newspaper Tempest About  
The Almanac Singers and  
'Washington's Cliveden Set'

By SENDER GARLIN

TWO New York afternoon papers broke out into a rash Tuesday with a sensational "expose" about four boys and one girl who sing songs.

The New York Post devoted a column and a half to a by-lined story about the nefarious activities of the Almanac Singers, who sing songs against Hitler. The Post thinks something ought to be done about it.

Refusing to be scooped by the Post, the World-Telegram late editions rewrote the Post story and added a bit of vitriol of its own.

What's all the shootin' for?

The Almanac Singers (and they're damned good) appeared on a radio program entitled "This Is War" last Saturday night. Mr. Archibald MacLeish, chief of the Office of Facts and Figures, opened the program with a message from the President.

The Post and World-Telegram leaped upon the Almanac Singers, but actually it was an attack upon the Government's morale program which includes a series of 13 patriotic radio dramas. The aim of the programs is to keep the public informed of the resources and policies of America and her allies in the war against the Axis. It is broadcast over 600 American radio stations and international short-wave.

The song put on by the Almanacs was "Round and Round Hitler's Grave," and it's a swell song.

This particular song is a particularly effective thing. The Post doesn't deny it's effective. Nor does it deny that it's directed against Hitlerism.

But it doesn't like the idea of the Almanacs singing it.

The newspaper justifies its annoyance by quotations from an article in the Atlantic Monthly. A professor named Carl J. Friedrich who works for Harvard University wrote an article in the Atlantic in which he declared that earlier song recordings by the Almanacs were "strictly illegal and subversive."

The professor discovered that the Almanacs used to sing songs against the spirit of Munich.

The Post's indictment against the Almanacs contains several counts, but one of the most sensational seems to be that their dates are printed in the "Progressive Almanac" of the New Masses.

This evidence is incontrovertible. However, we learn that a listing in the "Progressive Almanac" is accomplished by the simple method of sending a dollar bill to the New Masses advertising department and the text of the announcement in a legible hand.

But even if the Post were not able to cite this crushing documentary evidence, we believe it would have had little difficulty in eliciting words of praise for the Almanac songs from the editors of the New Masses.

There is only one simple conclusion to be drawn from all this, and it is that the Post, as well as the World-Telegram, don't like anti-Hitler songs—when they're really effective.

The newspaper attack against the Almanacs is of a piece with the attack against Mayr's Chaney and Melvyn Douglas, which was calculated to discredit the entire Civilian Defense Program, although it was covered by a lot of talk about "boondoggling" and "fan-dancing."

The World-Telegram went the Post one better by attacking Norman Corwin, the writer and director of the Government-sponsored patriotic broadcasts by calling attention to the fact that he had supported the American Rescue Ship Mission to aid Spanish anti-fascist refugees.

As for that jittery individual who spoke for Norman Corwin and said he was "entirely unaware of the background" of the Almanac Singers, it's about time he learned some of the lessons of appeasement—whether on the international arena or on his own job.

THE TERM "Cliveden set" is associated in the public mind with Lady Astor and the gang of British appeasers symbolized by the late Neville Henderson and the clique that still hovers like a dark cloud over 10 Downing Street.

It is not generally known that the "Cliveden Set" is an international conspiracy and that its agents—paid and unpaid—are operating in the U. S. as well as in Great Britain. This fact was dramatized and brought sharply to public attention by President Roosevelt in his press conference this week when he denounced appeaser propaganda as the work of the "Cliveden Set of Washington."

While the President was speaking to the capital correspondent's current issue of the New Masses was already rolling off the press with an article entitled "Washington's Cliveden Set—Appeaser's Who's Who." In view of the President's sharply-worded remarks on the subject, the New Masses article could hardly be more timely or pertinent.

The article, written by NM's Washington correspondent, Bruce Minton, is a keen and racy description of the capital's appeasers and provides a dossier on the operations of America's Munichmen. It gives you a close-up of "Friendship House," the American branch of "Cliveden" and its hostess, Evelyn Walsh McLean. At "Friendship House," writes Minton, "the intriguers flock to refurbish poisonous stories calculated to hinder America's anti-fascist war. There they egg each other on to new slanders against the President, to new lies against America's allies."

The guests at "Friendship House," according to Minton, include Finland's Washington agent, Procopie; Senators Wheeler, Nye and Reynolds; Reps. Dies and Fish; John L. Lewis, James Cromwell, formerly Minister to Canada; William R. Castle, former Ambassador to Japan, and one-time Undersecretary of State; Count Igor Cassini, J. Edgar Hoover, and many others.

Their gatherings in the general headquarters of Reaction are described in vivid detail, and the sinister implications of their plotting are underscored by the author.

New Masses has performed a public service in presenting this expose. If the message contained in the article could find its way into millions of American homes it would help immeasurably to rouse our nation to the danger of the American "Cliveden Set" and thus strengthen the fight of the United Nations against the Axis powers.

## Rex Ingram Stars in Free Company Play, WNYC, 7pm

Philadelphia Orchestra, Ormandy conducting, on WOR, 2:30 P.M. . . . Design for Defense at 5 P.M., WQXR . . . WNYC Music Festival, John Carradine, guests on WFAB, 8:30 P.M. . . . LOUIS F. BUDENZ, LABOR'S NEWSROOM, WHOM (1480) 11 P.M.

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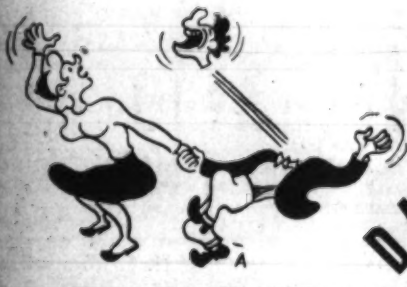
## Hails Soviet Physical Training Preparation

YORK, Pa., Feb. 19 (UP).—The Russian victories may have come as a surprise to lots of people, but not to Strength and Health Magazine, organ of the weight-lifting set.

Indicating that it knew the Russians were physically ready for any eventuality, the magazine reports "it has come to light that modern Russians are a group of fun-loving, strength-and-health seeking, athletic, well-fed and well-kept people, in the vast majority of cases."

The magazine then compares Russian weight-lifting records with the world's and American records. In many cases the Russian marks made by Ambartsumian, Khotimsky, Georgievsky, Yakovlev and Bozhko are the best. This, the magazine indicates, is clear proof the Russians are physically formidable.

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## CCNY's Sharp Uptake All But Puts It in Tourney with LIU

### Beavers Move in Instead Of Around in Trimming Rams

By Lester Rodney

We've had a lot of LIU here recently, so it's a pleasure to bring CCNY back into the picture. The uptown youngsters, who for reasons unknown play fewer games than most of the locals, all but clinched the second local spot in the March National Tourney by the manner of their beating Fordham 46-41 Wednesday night, while St. Johns was bowing itself out of the picture with a defeat at the hands of Temple.

For with all the talk of CCNY slipping, needing big men, the parade passing Nat Holman, etc., the Beavers are heading down the homestretch with only two games on the wrong side of the ledger, the beatings by Wyoming and St. Josephs. And if they get past the remaining three obstacles on their schedule, Brooklyn College tomorrow night, Manhattan, St. Francis and NYU, they'll be definitely in the tourney with LIU for the second straight year.

The way the boys played in building up their lead over Fordham, and then pulling calmly back in front when the Rams surged to within a point of a tie at 42-41 with five minutes left, augurs well for a clean sweep of the four locals left on the schedule.

The first half found City at its best, and that's saying a lot. Blistering drive downcourt, fast, pointed ball handling and play-making and deadly short range shooting rocketed the good Fordham team off its feet and built

up a 22-23 halftime lead. Less of the around and around and around passing that looks so good but gets nowhere and more straight into the basket via sheer speed and quicker passing.

The round and round stuff was superbly applied at its right time in the last four minutes of the game. City had slackened its pace and Fordham, always driving, suddenly knocked in a few long ones, slipped in a few rebounds and the house was in an uproar with the Rams a point behind. Here Claude Phillips went under for a vital three-point play that made all the difference and then City cleverly held the ball out, until the frantic Rams all pressed toward the middle trying to get it and Harvey Loxman walked under the basket unattended, took a simple pass and added the crusher.

Critiques for CCNY could be numerous. Red Holman was super-magnificent in the first half drive, lifting the whole team along with him as he geared his pace higher. Dave Laub, the quietly improved center, was a marvel of clean, important defensive play, stopping certain Fordham goals with his keen guarding on three occasions. Harvey Loxman, the one-time boy wonder, back in action now as a senior, helps with his height and steadiness. Phillips, an always dangerous scorer, was in there when it was needed. But the boy whose real value is becoming more and more apparent is Sonny Hertzberg, a perpetually driving yet steady floor-man and a shot whose scoring figures have been mounting as he's been shooting more often. On different occasions both Holman and Hertzberg feinted their guard and drove under with terrific speed for

### Thrill Garden with Great Brand of Ball in First Half

layups. On one play when City intercepted a Fordham pass and darted down three men on two, Phillips was in the middle, effectively spread the two defenders and calmly stopped at the foul marker and popped the goal himself. It was smart basketball, with the book calling for him to give the ball away. Fordham's defenders went by the book and Phillips scored the goal.

City gave the impression of a subtle change in tactics that bodes well for its success from here in. The stress on possession and endless passwork for one perfect basket no longer fits with the modern game. City Wednesday night wasn't wasting its burning speed, but using it to beat the enemy down the floor and get in for shots.

The Beavers' uptake revives the old hopes of that long-awaited LIU-CCNY game, which would be a possibility in the tourney. It took a one-point defeat by Ohio in the semi-final of last year's tourney to keep CCNY from meeting Clair Bee's men for the first time.

And, while we're on that subject, the talk of "metropolitan championship" strikes this department as so much hogwash while only Brooklyn College of all the locals has the guts to meet LIU during the regular season.

## BASKETBALL

St. Johns' demise was sudden. Some of the boys were off on their deadly shooting and Temple was too good and too constantly pressing a ball club to be off against.

Rosenberg and Must of the visitors broke away from the 36-36 tie at the three minute mark to lead an attack that poured thirteen straight points through the hoop as the Brooklyn Redmen crumbled. With four losses, St. Johns is out of the tourney consideration, but our idea is that they'll rebound hard and venturously next Wednesday night to put NYU out just as definitely.

Prominent on the list of teams being considered are Illinois and Notre Dame, giving rise to the hope that the Big Ten rules (Notre Dame adheres to them voluntarily) will be relaxed this year to allow participation in the tourney. Designating one of the nights of the tourney as a Navy or Army relief game wouldn't hurt.

### Sam Nahem Bought By the Phillies

Sam Nahem of Brooklyn, one of the many good young St. Louis Cardinals pitchers, has been bought by the Phillies. Sam had a record of five won and two lost with the Cards for a half season work before going back to the Columbus farm on option. He should get the opportunity to work regularly with

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KIRBY HIGBE (Won't Play)

## RAY PICKED TO MAKE IT 28

### Seen Beating Berger by Decision at Garden Tonight

By Nat Low

Ray Robinson's great record of having gone through 116 consecutive fights, 89 in the amateurs and 27 as a pro, without being beaten goes on board tonight at the Garden when the sensational Harlem youngster takes on the hard-hitting Canadian veteran, Maxie Berger, in a go that is scheduled for 12 rounds. The Negro sharpshooter, will face a stern test in the rugged ex-Canadian champion who hasn't been knocked out in over 100 fights on both sides of the border, but was rated 4-1 over Berger on the strength of his terrific speed and punching ability.

There are many around who think that Maxie's boxing style stymie Ray, but that doesn't hold much water when one considers what the Harlem KO artist did to rugged and ringwise Fritz Zivic.

However, Berger is not to be underestimated. He is a thoroughly seasoned performer who has close to 100 battles against all manner of opposition. He has not lost many fights and in sports was almost sensational. He has taken this fight seriously and is well trained.

But withal, Robinson has too many guns. He is far too fast for Berger and will hit Maxie three times for every one the Canadian can land. And Ray is coming along, has gathered confidence and experience from his wins over ex-champ Fritz Zivic.

We call him for a decisive win over the route. There are some fine prelims on tonight's card, including a bout between Henry Vasquez, Harlem featherweight, and Morris Parker. Vasquez is the plucky kid who got his start in the IWO tourney after being bedded five years ago by infantile paralysis.

The Phils, which may be artistic compensation for the financial loss involved in leaving a team certain to finish in the money for one certain not to.

## Higbe Becomes Problem Child

### Hurler Makes Start of Dodger Training Official By Sulking at Ruling that All Agree to—Durocher Says Vaughan Is Counted on

HAVANA, Feb. 19 (UP).—The Dodgers opened Spring training at their Havana camp today without the services of 22-game pitchers Kirby Higbe and Whitlow Wyatt, rookie pitcher Jack Kraus and veteran outfielder Dixie Walker.

Higbe is a new type "holdout." He refused to leave with the squad from Miami, Fla., yesterday when President Larry MacPhail issued an edict that wives must stay on the mainland.

"Either he does what the other players on this ball club do or we can get along without him," MacPhail said after Higbe refused to go unless his wife was allowed to go along.

So Higbe was left in Miami and the squad arriving here by plane last night—bringing along 400 400 pounds of beefsteak. The flight was made in two Pan-American Clippers.

Five Dodgers came to terms with MacPhail just before the takeoff. They were Arky Vaughan, slugging shortstop obtained from Pittsburgh in a winter trade; Joe Medwick, former National League batting champion; pitchers Johnny Allen and Larry French and outfielder Don Padgett.

Durocher refused to predict the outcome of the flag race but said Brooklyn "would be in there fighting." He said Cincinnati would be a hard team to get by because of their "rough pitching staff." The aggressive Dodger pilot indicated he was counting heavily on Vaughan to bolster the team.

"He is a great infielder, a hard hitter and, what I like the most, he is a guy with plenty of fight," Durocher said.

Rookie pitchers Chet Kohn and Ed Head, up from Montreal, have shown considerable promise and should get plenty of work with the Dodgers mound staff, he said. Durocher was confident that the difficulties with Wyatt, Walker and Higbe would soon be straightened out.

The Yanks—along with other major league teams—will pay 10 per cent of officials' salaries in defense bonds.

Barrow, asked whether the Yanks would donate any receipts to a national service agency, said that this "is up to our directors."

### Ambers Joins Coast Guard

Low Ambers, former lightweight champion, enlisted yesterday in the United States Coast Guard. Ambers, 28 and in Class 3-A because of a wife and two children, said he thought it his duty to get into the "big fight" as soon as possible.

The former "Herklimer (N. Y.) hurricane," who won the title from Tony Canzoneri in 1937 and lost it to Lew Jenkins in 1940, will be given a boatwain's first class rating and be assigned temporarily to Ellis Island. Other boxers already in the Coast Guard are Marty Served, Nathan Mann and Al Reid.

### Grid Dodger Aviator

Don Wemple, outstanding end at Colgate in 1940 and last season a member of the professional Brooklyn Dodgers football team, is in training as an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., Dodger officials learned today.

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